

# Whimble News

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Setting up Whimble Week Day from the air!

*Photo by Peter Salter*

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## Aug/Sept 2022

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**PRE-BEAUTIFUL DAYS LIVE MUSIC EVENT ON AUGUST 17th!**

**Band night, last Friday of the month from 9pm**

August - Eat The Rich    Sept - Blue Arse Fly

# *Sarah 's Editorial*

Well it took three years in the making, but at last Whimble Week took place this year - Hooray! Along with Village Day, as the finale on Saturday 9th July, and WHAT A SCORCHER it was! I'm not sure if records are kept regarding the temperatures over the years (Phil Dominy & David Brewer maybe you could monitor this?), but I imagine this was one of the hottest. Not that the heat put people off enjoying themselves - there was much laughter, fun, music, singing, racing, eating & drinking. Plus skittling, quizzing and bingo, as well as a treasure hunt, free yoga and Irish dancing! Such a lot of hard work behind the scenes too, so A BIG Thank You to the VW Committee. Do take a look at the various photos and reports in this issue if you missed any of it.

As I write this the schools are breaking up today for Summer holidays, with staff and students looking forward to a well-deserved rest. I managed to catch a group of Year Six students for an interview, before they said farewell to Whimble School. Their imagination, positivity and confidence was clear to see, and their astute and witty answers a delight. See pages 28&29.

Residents continue to offer support to those in need. At time of writing there are four families hosting Ukrainians in Whimble and, hopefully, by the time you receive this edition, one more household will have received their guests.

Courtneys of Whimble held a fantastic event - Whimble Rocks (page19) - in aid of FORCE Cancer Charity. The weather, bands & village support were all brilliant.

Our English Summer might have peaked, but our energy hasn't. There are more activities planned for the weeks ahead - Race Night (15th Oct) and New Front Row Club dates (see p53) in the Victory Hall, and The 12th Man Festival (10th Sept) at the Cricket Club. Community Theatre 4 All has two new performances planned, so find out more on pages11 & 57. This is just a selection. You can't get bored in Whimble!

Developments are already taking place at Whimble Station with FOWST (Friends of Whimble Station) and, hopefully, with The New Fountain Inn. Talking of pubs. Congratulations to all at The Thirsty Farmer for their new Award. As Rev. Mark comments - What a GREAT community we are!

So, enjoy the rest of the Summer and do send us any articles, photos or information you would like to share in the next edition. Send by email to [bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk](mailto:bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk) before Sept 12th, please.

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# What's On In Whimple

## AUGUST

- August 10th: Entries for the W&DGC Flower & Craft Show to be submitted (page 8)  
August 13th: W&DGC Flower & Craft Show  
August 16th: WI Garden Party  
August 17th: 'Night Before' Band night at The Thirsty Farmer (see below)  
August 21st: W&DGC trip to RHS Rosemoor (see pages 8&9)  
August 26th: Eat The Rich Band Night at The Thirsty Farmer - from 9pm  
August 29th: Whiteways Cup - Whimple Cricket Club  
August 30th: The Pirates Of Penzance by Community Theatres 4 All - Cricket Club.  
(see page 11)

## SEPTEMBER.

- Sept 10th: Film Night - Front Row Club. Village Hall  
Sept 12th: 12th Man Festival at the Cricket Club  
Sept 13th: WI Meeting - Living on the Rocks, Kathryn Kelly, The Hub 2.30pm  
Sept 30th: Talk by Dr Robert Dunn, organised by W&DGC. (See page 8)  
Sept 30th: Blue Arse Fly Band Night at The Thirsty Farmer - from 9pm

## OCTOBER

- October 8th: W&DGC trip to NT Stourhead, Mere, Wiltshire  
October 8th: Film Night - Front Row Club. Village Hall  
October 15th: Race Night is back in the Village Hall (see page 22)

Apocalypse Teaset Proudly Presents  
**THE NIGHT BEFORE**  
Beautiful Days Support 5 miles from festival gates  
★ **Wednesday 17th August** ★  
★ **AT THE THIRSTY FARMER, WHIMPLE** ★  
★ **The Devil's Prefects** ★  
★ Muddy Summers & the Dirty Field Whores ★  
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### Not to be missed!

The Thirsty Farmer again hosts the Beautiful Days warm-up gig 'The Night Before' on Wednesday 17th August.

Always fun, with a mix of folk, country and humour. Something for everyone.

*Sal*



We would like to say a big thank you to the people of Whimble for the ongoing support of the Stores. We have had many positive comments about the layout changes that we made at Easter and we believe that the extra space is encouraging shoppers to browse freely of our range of products. We cannot stock everything, but make an effort to provide a comprehensive range and can often get things in from suppliers if there is demand. We also make an effort to bring in 'price-marked' products, which provides both transparency on product pricing and lower prices than the same products elsewhere. For example, an 85p price marked can of drink will have a recommended price of £1.05 in other shops.

## **Dogs in Shops**

We have received a number of queries as to why we allow dogs in the shop when other retailers do not and thought that we could explain this here. Food Hygiene Regulations place the responsibility on us, the owners, to determine if we can allow access by animals to the shop area, whilst preventing access to unpackaged food products where the risk of contamination is greatest. As there was already a policy set by the previous owners, and unpackaged food is out of reach, we did not wish to upset Whimble dog owners by changing the policy without justification. Most of the dogs who visit the shop are trained and very well behaved and their visit is brief. We have though had a couple of incidents, which have upset customers, and we will work with the owners to prevent these situations in the future.

## **Post Office**

We have now operated Whimble Stores and Whimble Post Office for eight months and while the Stores are doing well, the Post Office continues to be a financial and personal drain on the business. Post Office Ltd. pay a small fee to us for each transaction we conduct such as selling postage or providing cash. This fee covers approximately a third of the staff cost to manage the transaction. The rest of the staff cost is subsidised by ourselves. There are a lot of other activities that we are required to perform which are unpaid, and the till system (Horizon) is so complex that it can only be used by shop staff after undergoing extensive training at our cost. It also provides a large financial risk to us if a staff member makes a mistake. We believe that the business model of Post Office Ltd. in regards to small shops is exploitative and we cannot continue to subsidise this facility.

We are now undertaking a review of how we can continue to provide essential community banking services using a less complex till system and provide postal services through alternative providers. We will run a consultation meeting with Whimble Village in the late summer / early Autumn to lay out our proposals for alternative services. We will provide more information from the Stores once the consultation date has been finalised.

Many thanks

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## WHIMBLE PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE TOWN LANE PLAY AREA! HELP NEEDED, PLEASE.

The Parish Council would like to start the development of the Town Lane Play Area. The Councillors will liaise with the Primary School regarding what sort of play items the children would like for the area. However, if you or your child have any ideas, please contact the Parish Council at [whimbleparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:whimbleparishcouncil@gmail.com)

The Parish Council are looking for a **local maintenance contractor** to do small up keep jobs around the village and grounds-keeping. If you would like more information, please email [whimbleparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:whimbleparishcouncil@gmail.com) or call [01404812570](tel:01404812570).

Claire Rayner

Whimble Parish Council Clerk

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The Parish Clerk is part time and emails/telephone messages will normally be responded to within 72 hours of receipt Monday to Friday



On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June we had another coach trip. This time the trip was to the Subtropical Gardens and Swannery at Abbotsbury. It was another very successful trip where those who went were able to see the wonderful gardens and the swans with all their newly hatched cygnets, which is a truly impressive sight. Our thanks to Doreen Staddon and Brian Nelson for organising this trip.

We have another coach trip planned for Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August and this will be to the now annual RHS Flower Show at Rosemoor. This event keeps getting better year on year, so make sure you don't miss out. A booking form is included with this edition of the News. Forms can also be obtained from the Whimble Stores.

After a two year break, it is good to have our annual Flower and Craft Show on August 13<sup>th</sup>. By now I am sure you have all been busy preparing your exhibits and all you keen gardeners will be hoping that the elements do not conspire against you and spoil the wonderful flowers and vegetables you have been lovingly looking after! We are looking forward to having a bumper show again this year. Schedules and entry forms are available at the Whimble Stores and all entries have to be handed in at the Billiard Room at the rear of the Victory Hall on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August between the hours of 6.30pm and 9.00pm.

We have three other events planned this year. On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September, we will be having a talk from Dr Robert Dunn who is a Met Office Scientist. His talk will be on Climate Change with the emphasis on "The Implications for Agriculture, Horticulture and our Gardens". Clearly there is a huge focus on this topic at the moment, so it should be a very interesting talk. This will be followed by our final coach trip of the year which will be to the National Trust Stourhead, Mere, Wiltshire on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October. Our final event of the year will be the return of our increasingly popular quiz in November. Details in the next edition of the News.

In the meantime, we are very much looking forward to the return of the Flower Show.

**Paul Wilson,**

**Chairman, Whimble & District Gardening Club**

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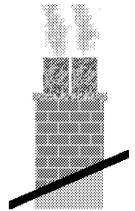
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24th-29th April 2023  
Whimple Church

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Whimple is an ancient village, the church for example dates back hundreds of years and the village would have been there then. Over those hundreds of years it has changed and changed again, houses being built and rebuilt, businesses coming and going, farming practices changed, diversified, roads built and improved upon, the railway line added, station opened, new families arrived and others moved on. The stories of every village are unique, but they also reflect, and are woven into, the fabric of the history of our county and country - history is literally made by people like you and I. This history is not only written in local papers, books and articles, legal documents, and publications held by our very own History Society, but also in the graves, monuments and church registers of births, marriages, and deaths.

It is the history of these individuals and families, their lives, loves, losses, hopes and dreams which contribute to a community. The everyday dramas which somehow inhabit the very fabric of a place and give it meaning. There is an old saying 'if a tree falls in the forest and no one is there to hear it, does it make a sound?'. Well, in a very similar way, without people, without community, does a place have a soul? Without community a place to live becomes just a dormitory.

It is at times of national importance, both good and bad, that the difference between 'a place where people happen to live' and a community comes to the fore, during a pandemic, a war or a Jubilee for example. Then the people in that place come together to support, sustain or celebrate, to share a sense of what makes life important.

However, communities don't just 'happen', they do not somehow appear on their own, they are created by the hard work of those who care about a place, who care about building and sustaining a place they love. These people believe that that is something special, something worth cherishing.

So this month I would like to dedicate this short piece to all of those individuals and groups in our village who make community happen, the organisations like our school, hall, cricket club, history society, doctors surgery, pub, shop and other business, the many clubs and associations and individuals, too many to name (and, of course, our church).

It is these village groups and individuals which are the building blocks of our community and it is all of you, who are the work force who construct and nurture it, who make Whimble a place where folks want to live and feel loved. This work goes on, often unseen, day in and day out, behind the scenes of village life. Please know what you do makes a difference and through your hard work you make the world a better place for all of us to be part of.

Thank you all.

God bless.

**Rev Marc Kerslake.**

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It will be a great asset for Whimble and thanks go to all involved in suggesting the idea and then starting to see it through.

It is in the early stages of refurbishment, and the Hall Team are still finding the funds to return it to it's former glory.

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**Sal**

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For those of you who have never been to a Race Night, I thought I would just give you a taster for the evening. Last year people were under the impression they had to race, oh no, not with my knees! All you have to do is come and join us on the evening with lots of £1 coins. There will be a programme showing the names of the horses in each race, find the name of the horse you fancy, place your bet, the race will be shown on the screen, cheer on your horse and, if you have backed the right one, collect your winnings.

Tickets will be £5.00 which includes a hot dog. There will of course be a bar.

Race Night is organised by the Village Week Committee to raise funds for Village Day.

It enables us to put on more entertainment during the day.

If you want to know more you can contact me on 01404 758677

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Katherine

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It's raining and it's the wonderful Devon County Show. I'll say no more. It seemed an ideal opportunity to bring you up to date with Whimble WI news. I am delighted to announce that, following our May annual meeting, Sarah Hogg was voted in as our new President. Sarah will bring her infectious enthusiasm and appreciated organisational skills to the role. Exciting times!



Sadly, we have lost a past member Daphne and a current member Jean in the last few weeks. We send sincere condolences to their families. Our June meeting saw Rosemary Griggs, a former civil servant in Whitehall who, together with working with the National Trust, gives talks and writes novels on the Tudor period.

This was a fascinating talk, if you like Tudor history. To give atmosphere and drama to the evening, Rosemary came dressed as a Tudor lady, in a costume she had made herself. She described all the component parts, beautifully embroidered, down to the final shift, the only washable layer. They probably didn't have as many outfits as we do, they took so long to make by hand. She talked about Lady Katherine Champernowne. Born in Modbury in the South Hams, she was the daughter of a gentry family with close connections to King Henry VIII. Like others of that era, she was expected to put aside her dreams and accept the husband chosen for her. While just a girl, she married into the Gilbert family, whose descendants are still based at Compton Castle, near Paignton. The couple then lived in Greenway Court, overlooking the River Dart. Katherine settled into the life of a dutiful wife and mother until a chance shipboard encounter with a handsome privateer, turned her world upside down. Walter Raleigh, born in Hayes Barton around 1552, was the product of Katherine's second marriage.

A highly recommended speaker.

August will be our garden party and Jean has kindly offered her garden for our get together. These events are always enjoyable and so relaxing, another opportunity for tea and cake.

We are planning our September outing and Forde Abbey is the favoured destination this year. All the ingredients of fresh air, good company, an insight into the history, beautiful gardens and probably more cake! Our usual meeting in September will feature Katherine Kelly explaining her Life on the Rocks. She comes from a family with a history of lighthouse keeping. Sounds fascinating.

For any ladies new to the village, just to explain that your WI meets on the second Tuesday of each month. We usually have a speaker, a social time with the chance to chat and make new friends or just catch up with old ones. Then a small amount of WI business where outings, events and competitions details are shared with members. Nothing too heavy, just a lovely relaxing time. If that appeals to you then please contact our secretary/treasurer on 821610.

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## Christian Aid Week 2002 - An update

Including Gift Aid, the total raised for Christian Aid in Whimple this year was £850. This is down on last year's incredible total of £1,200 but still a very generous result in the light of all the extra pressures and calls on people's resources this year.  
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## Take 10 Questions. With Year Six students of Whimble School

Thank you to Izabell, Joe, Molly, Sutherland, Toby, Reuben and Floss. You are a credit to your school, and we wish you, and all of Year Sixes, the very best for the future.

**Before finishing their education at Whimble School, I asked a group of Year Six students who are participating in their Civic Award about - what they have learned, their views on Whimble, and their thoughts of the future. Here's a sample of their answers.**



**To introduce yourselves, can you describe yourself in just 2 words?**

**R** - A Marvel Nerd **S** - Weird & Creative  
**J** - Imaginative & Strange **T** - Thoughtful & Kind **M** - Loud & Modest!!  
**I** - Strange & Disturbing **F** - Weird & Talkative

**What are your favourite subjects?**

**S** - Hometown! Oh and making stuff in DT **J** - Creative story writing, and subjects to do with animals **T** - Maths **M** - I love Art & Drama **I** - Writing and Music **F** - Drama, because I'm a very dramatic person **R** - PSHE because I can express my opinions, discuss things and tell jokes.

**As you come to the end of your time at Whimble School, what have been the best/worst bits?**

**J** - There are probably too many funny things to remember them all. There are some people at school that are particularly funny, which is quite nice.

**M** - There have been a few arguments along the way, but particular people in our class are funny which helps. Now we are in year six we tend to sort out our own differences.

**F** - Yes, and the school is very good at helping us to sort out problems.

**ALL** - Bikeability was fun, but we had to wait for our turn, so we made up a whole musical about a woman who needed to make a potion to take over the world.

**What advice would you give to someone just about to start at Whimble School?**

**T** - It's good to have a few friends with you to start school, so you're not alone.

**S** - Have a couple of really good friends, not fake friends

**J** - Find good friends, trust them and stick with them and don't let problems last too long

**You've been taking part in your Civic Award. What was involved?**

**F** - It's for all Year six students over the year. You have to cover 5-6 categories - school, residential, two hobbies, local community, and you also have to organize something. You have a ceremony and receive a certificate at the end. We have to collect evidence to support our achievement and we talk to our school governors about it all.

## **What have you learned most from these experiences?**

**ALL** - That it is important to work together. To be able to work independently without the teachers, on your own group projects. For example, someone put on a music festival which 50 people attended. It feels good to be helpful too.

## **So, what sort of community do you think Whimble is?**

**R** - I think Whimble is a good community because you've got some people helping other people, though it's not perfect.

**S** - I haven't been here too long but it feels safe, as it is a small community.

**M** - It's a nice little village, I like the village shop

**F** - There is some gossip, but a lot of good stuff happens in the village. There's quite a lot going on.

## **Do you have any suggestions to improve the community?**

**M** - It's good for everyone to know each other's faces, so you can greet each other. We really like the MUGA too.

**R** - I'd like to see more activities such as fencing or archery, but people might think we're just too young

**S** - I'd like to build some treehouses to play in.

## **Leaving school can be an exciting time, what are your thoughts about the future and growing up in the wide world?**

**S** - I worry about having to talk to people I don't know, AND having to do my own clothes shopping!

**J** - I'm worried about a few things to do with the world generally. Climate change is worrying. Also that people might become too reliant on technology, robots etc. and get lazy and not do anything. But I'm also excited as there will be more opportunities for me.

**T** - Jobs. I know what I want but I don't know if I'll be able to get to it. I want to be a Maths teacher.

**I** - I'm excited about job opportunities too. I want to join the army and I think they should take on more women

## **If you were Prime Minister, what Law would you introduce to make the country/world a better place?**

**R** - Every job should have a pay rise

**S** - Create smaller factories in poorer parts of the country so that more jobs are available

**J** - Poaching/killing animals would be as illegal as killing a person. Also, scientists would be asked to find a new eco material so that plastics could be banned

**T** - To decrease pollution by removing any unwanted factories and support the factories we do need

**M** - Black Equality and Equality for all

**I** - To enable same-sex marriage in all countries

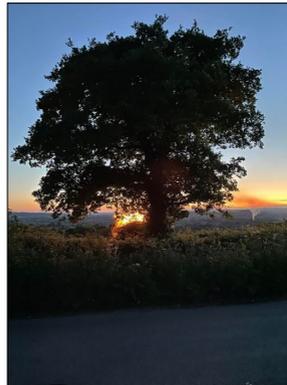
**F** - Any gender to be able to be themselves

**By Sarah Thackeray**



# IN WHIMPLE

*All photos from Whimple What's On. Thank you for posting.*



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# Our Village Week 2022

Well, the Village Week following 2019 was a long time coming. After false starts in 2020 and 2021, we were so pleased when Covid finally retreated sufficiently to enable us to go forward. When I came to Whimble in 2016, the appeal was largely to do with the great sense of community we have here and so it was lovely to see everyone able to come together once again.

Village Week is a huge enterprise and you do wonder if everything will work out so it's such a delight - and relief - when it does. We had some new events during Village Week including Yoga and Irish Dancing and on Village Day: Mark Poulton was 'Punch and Judy', Matt Pang provided some circus skills and Peter Salter demonstrated remote control cars on the new Pump Track. Our First Aider also caused something of a commotion when he unexpectedly brought his own ambulance with him! Music on the day and in the evening was provided by the Wareham Whalers and Byzantium Lane. We did have a couple of hiccups - an event had to be cancelled, the pizza van discovered a previous commitment and the inflatable slide just couldn't but overall it seemed to work. Feedback seems to have been very positive - I hope you're not all just being nice and if you are, don't feel the need to tell me!

There is always a danger that this could turn into an Oscar's speech but nevertheless I do want to say thank you to everyone who contributed. Primarily, all the people who attended events or came to Village Day despite the heat and therefore made all our work worthwhile. Special thanks to Alex Spry for providing the marquees for Village Day, Cotley Farm for the haybales, the Young Farmers on the Bar, the WI in the tea tent and the PTA on the BBQ. Also a personal thanks to John Male for the portaloos - such a relief after the loo debacle last year at the Tuck Inn!

Finally, a huge thank you to the fantastic folk on the Village Week Committee who worked so hard: to Sue Ayres who pulled together a great programme for Village Week, David Myers (Treasurer), Sarah Thackeray (Fun Run), Martin Trimblett (Country Crafts, vehicles and muscles on the day), Sue Turner (stalls), Suzanne Rothwell (tombola and ducks), Tim Adkins (music), Marilyn Mills (refreshments), Marilyn Carr (bricabrac), Sarah Johnson (children's games) and lastly to Bob Scanlan (PA, advertising, signage, prizes, egg catching and for being sensible and calm when I wasn't).

**Louise Walmsley**

The winners of the Village Week Raffle were:

- 1st prize, ticket 4650, Mike Daniel
- 2nd prize, ticket 2847, The Pearson family
- 3rd prize, ticket 4823, Sally Jones.

# Whimble Week



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# A Window on Whimble's Weather – March/April 2022

Welcome to the next instalment of weather summaries from Whimble's two weather stations;

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Slewton Crescent Weather Station: <https://bit.ly/35qwR9K>

Cobden Lane Weather Station: <https://bit.ly/3bt3FTf>

Live and historical data sets are available for each station, through the links, above.

**May** – After an exceptionally dry April, May delivered 52.8 mm of rainfall, slightly lower than an average of 59mm, the wettest day being the 30th, when 10.9mm of rain fell. Met office warnings of thunderstorms on the 15th & 16th did not significantly materialise around Whimble. Following a chilly start to the month (maximum daytime temperatures around 10°C), temperatures climbed in the first week to a very pleasant 22°C on the 7th; the warmest day. Nights were quite cool at the end of the month with the 28th being the coldest with a low of 4.3°C. However, overall, the temperatures and sunshine were all slightly below average for May.

**June** – brought some welcome sunshine for the start of the Platinum Jubilee weekend celebrations, though the Saturday and Sunday, whilst cloudy with a few light showers, turned out mostly dry! The month started clear and cool with the coldest night on 1<sup>st</sup> (3.6°C). Daytime temperatures climbed to an exceptionally hot 31.9°C on the 17th, the warmest day of the year, triggering Met Office weather warnings for heat. Total sunshine for June was slightly higher than average whilst rainfall at 46.5mm was slightly lower. The tail end of Tropical Storm Alex threatened Scotland with severe gales and produced Whimble's windiest day on the 8th, with sustained gusts of over 48kph.

2022	May	Date	June	Date
Warmest Day	22.3 °C	07/05/2022	31.9 °C	17/06/2022
Coolest Night	4.3 °C	28/05/2022	3.6 °C	01/06/2022
Windiest 24hrs	29.5 km/h	25/05/2022	32.8 km/h	08/06/2022
Wettest 24hrs	10.9 mm	30/05/2022	9.1 mm	18/06/2022
Av. Maximum	18.4 °C	N/A	21.2 °C	N/A
Av. Minimum	7.7 °C	N/A	9.2 °C	N/A
Total Rain	52.8 mm	N/A	46.5 mm	N/A
Total Sunshine	113.5 kWh/ kW	91.5% of Av.	128.6 kWh/ kW	108.9% of Av.

Note: Wind data is from Cobden Lane, while other data is from Slewton Crescent. Phil Dominy & David Brewer. Please send any comments / questions to us by email: [dominypr@hotmail.com](mailto:dominypr@hotmail.com)



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### **By-election result**

The Liberal Democrats did well in Tiverton & Honiton By-election in our neighbouring constituency on the 23rd June. Richard Foord took the seat from the Conservative party with more than 22,000 votes, which was a swing of almost 30%. A decisive result in this part of Devon.

### **Ukraine**

Following on from the last edition, currently there are now at least four households in Whimple hosting Ukrainians, who have arrived in the past couple of months. All are settling in well and have received a warm welcome by the village. Some have already found local work, and they are all enjoying the amazing weather and the beautiful, peaceful Devon countryside. Let's keep the Blue and Yellow flag flying in Whimple.

### **Cranbrook a brief history**

In the 1980s, against the background of a buoyant housing market, proposals came from the private sector to develop new towns and new villages in the UK especially in the South. These were to be 'balanced communities' developed to a high standard of design, extensively established by a consortium of house builders. This was known as the 'Developer Led approach' which is now a discredited form of development. In 2007 the concept was turning into a reality, when the 'go ahead' for five new Eco-towns was established - a policy to increase the numbers of housing stock. It was always intended to be a New Town. Building work began at Cranbrook in June 2011 and the first residents moved in during the summer of 2012. The original Town was set between the old A30, London Road and the Waterloo railway line for Exeter. However, plans were submitted for four additional developments, which form part of the Master Plan for Cranbrook. The others being: Treasbeare (south of London Road), Bluehayes to the west side of Cranbrook, the Grange to the east of Rockbeare and Cobdens, to the East of Cranbrook. It is understood that the original site for the Town Centre has shifted nearer to the London Road, adjacent to the Cranberry Farm PH.

The Town centre site has been fenced off, extensively to get the Morrison's supermarket built, but the other retail shops could be a long time coming. There should have been a pledge to build the two elements together.

POW+R group has made several responses over the years and more recently challenged the approach of the Planning Inspector. At this point in time, there is no news on the four added developments, although the expectation is the summer of 2022, which could include a number of modifications to the Plan. As it stands, the planning application of Cobden Estate, includes a section of 500 homes in the Parish of Whimble.

### **The New Fountain Inn**

POW+R understand that a local individual has made an offer on the Pub which has been accepted.

### **Whimble – Planning Application for Solar Farm**

At present there is no decision made on Planning Application Ref: 22/0783/MFUL for the Solar Farm.

### **Neighbourhood Plan**

The original hard copies of the village questionnaire have been downloaded onto the on-line survey, so the data is ready for analysis. There are a cluster of replies to the letters sent to over 100 other organisations, local authorities, businesses and statutory bodies.

The NP Team has now built a larger team to focus on the key subject areas of the plan, using their individual expertise as much as possible. We will make reference to other approved NP's, the 2018 village survey, the feedback from the public at our Village Hall event and the data captured through the questionnaire process. We are still getting some responses from the other organisations. The progress will all be reviewed each month to ensure we are on track for the 31<sup>st</sup> October completion of the draft NP. There will also be a chance to engage with villagers to seek feedback to the Draft Neighbourhood Plan. This is being done with consideration to the EDDC local plan and we are working with a Senior Planning Officer to ensure good communication.

If you want to be part of the process to 'Protect our Whimble and Rockbeare' we'd love to hear from you! The Neighbourhood Plan will be achieved by: Ambition, Determination, Cooperation **and you**.

We wish all villagers well, good health, contentment and happy holidays.

Let's make this work for our future rests on the **'We love Whimble'**

**Neighbourhood Plan.**

**Alan Lascelles - Press and Publicity**

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# Whimble Cricket Club

Activities at the club continue apace, but we do now start to look towards the off-season period. Our run of All-Stars cricket and junior training has been a tremendous success this summer. Thank you to all the parents, players, coaches, and helpers involved in making this such a success. It has been fantastic to see nearly 150 children playing cricket on a Friday night and to welcome families and friends to the club. Our young cricketers have competed well in games against local opposition and we are excited to see them come through in the years ahead.

The Village Week charity day was a great success. Four sides of mixed ages played out a 100-ball tournament. In the final game, the Ubuntu Sables just pipped Whimble's Witton Warriors to the trophy. This was the kind of day that brings out the best of Whimble cricket club and was quickly followed by a successful Vice Presidents lunch. Some remaining dates to look out for are:

Monday 29th August: Whiteways Cup

- Saturday 10th September: 12th Man End of Season Festival
- 16th September: Junior Presentation Night
- 15th October: End of Season Dinner

## **5th November: Bonfire and Fireworks**

Tickets for the 12th Man Festival and Bonfire Night are now on sale, you can find links to buy at [www.whimblecc.co.uk](http://www.whimblecc.co.uk).

The last weekend of cricket in the diary is the 3rd/4th September. Games that weekend could be important for the league position of our teams. As things quieten on the cricket front, Sunday football will pick up. With various TV sports events in the winter diary we hope to be opening the club regularly.

As ever, the club is also available for private bookings and do get in touch if you would like to look at dates.

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We want to say a massive thank you for the kindness you showed us during the various lockdowns. It's hard now to remember how stressful that initial time was. Jen's mum died in February and then the lockdown seemed to come so quickly that we hardly had time to think before we were having to make a decision about how to keep the shop open. That turned out to be physically demanded for our family but actually the hardest part was just getting stock in. There were so many shortages and we were so grateful to have forged links with local businesses who were able to keep supplies going of essential items.

We hadn't really given it much thought until recently when we were lucky enough to be at Glastonbury Festival. All four of our family were there and we used some of the money you gave us to treat ourselves to a nice campsite with a pre-erected tent and it made such a big difference to our experience. We all acknowledged how lucky we were to be there and wanted to say a massive thank you to the village for giving us the opportunity to have such a special time. This, with our amazing trip to Burgh Island Hotel between lockdowns, and a lovely family and dog trip to Talland Bay in Cornwall just after we sold the shop have meant a great deal and we are truly grateful for the kind and generous gift you gave us which we have tried to use in amazing ways as a family

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## The search begins for Devon's Best Young Landscape Artist 2022

Young artists aged 18 and under can now compete for the title of Devon's Best Young Landscape Artist 2022. Devon CPRE, a South West branch of the countryside charity CPRE, held the competition for the first time last year and was impressed with the quality and quantity of entries from across the county.

The charity is inviting budding young artists to showcase their creativity by capturing Devon's unique and precious landscapes in the medium of their choice. There are two entry categories - one for teenagers and one for younger children - with cash prizes for the winners.

Exeter-based landscape artist Kath Hadden will again join Devon CPRE Director Penny Mills to judge the entries. They are hoping to receive as many original pictures and paintings as they did in 2021, when the winners were Christopher Moore with his mixed-media seascape and Matilda Baker with her verdant Dartmoor scene.

Anything goes as far as the choice of landscape is concerned - as long as it's in Devon. It could be a favourite beach or beauty spot, a local park or green space, somewhere visited on a day out or even the artist's own garden.

Devon CPRE Director Penny Mills says, "Kath and I thoroughly enjoyed looking through all the artwork last year. Such a lot of effort had gone into the entries and there was some real talent. We had our work cut out judging so many fantastic paintings and drawings, each capturing a uniquely personal perspective of Devon's coast and countryside. We're really looking forward to seeing what this year will bring."

The competition is simple to enter with cash prizes for each age category. Full details of how to enter can be found on the Devon CPRE website. The deadline for entries is Friday, 30 September 2022.

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# Tale Valley Choir. St Mary's Church Whimple. Sunday 3rd July 22

**Emma Palmer and the Tale Valley Choir have done it again!**

When I first wrote about T.V.C. in July 2018 the choir was not so long in the tooth as it is now. They were good then and many audience members left their concerts with smiles on their faces.

This time was the same but also the choir, justifiably, had broad smiles on their faces. They work hard – I know – I am a groupie with a chorister spouse.

Four years on since I first saw them, with a pandemic in between, they are even better. They are all together as one. The basses and tenors sing as one with the sopranos and altos.

'At last' says Emma to herself in a quiet moment.

The choristers sing without score folders. Stories that Emma wears the words on her front (back to the audience) are greatly exaggerated,...but legible...at a distance..

Beginning with works written in the 11<sup>th</sup> Century through to 'modern' composers like Purcell [1690] they sang in many tongues; Latin, Spanish, French as well as Olde English and (new) English.

The men sang a stirring Purcell [1690] in the round, "**I Gave her Cakes**". Some time before that was "**Greensleeves**", purportedly **Elizabethan**, and **Your Hay It is Mowed** with Robert, soloing from the pulpit.

The concert began at the back of the church with **O Virtus Sapientiae** a Latin Plainsong written around the early 11<sup>th</sup> Century

They ended with more Latin, **O Lux Beata**, which came from the 4<sup>th</sup> Century

There are others of course. Mournful songs but nevertheless beautiful. **Ay! Linda Amiga** - Spanish and **Weep O Mine Eyes** - English.

There was also an old favourite in the form of **Pleasant and Delightful** known by the likes of me as 'Nancy', where the men and women part and talk to each other in song.

The Whimple folk I spoke to were all enthusiastic. The most notable were : 'I never expected to enjoy it so much. I really came along to support the choir. But it was marvellous and it brought tears to my eyes' and:- 'It was pretty ancient stuff and I thought I would just have to sit it out to support somebody in the choir. Well it was pretty amazing.'

Emma Palmer finally seems to have cracked the use of a tuning fork without having to succumb to surgery.

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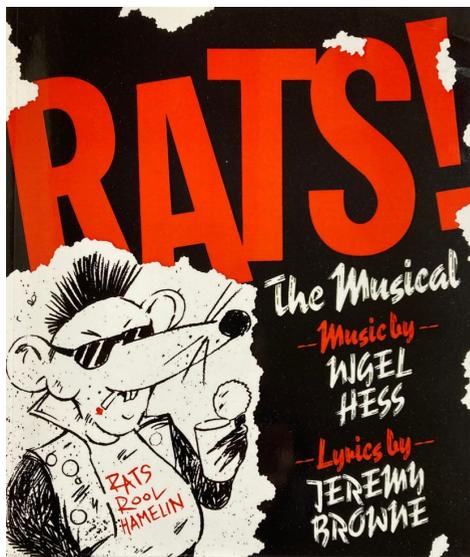
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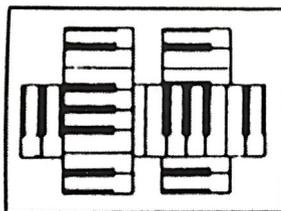
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It has been another busy term here at school; it's amazing what we manage to fit in, as well as continuing to teach all areas of the curriculum.

With the return of formal assessments, the majority of children have been tested or assessed for something in some form or another. We are very pleased with all of our results but, especially our Key Stage 2 SATs results: all of our Year 6 children met the expected standard or above for reading; 96% for maths and 72% for writing. Not bad considering what the children have been through in the past two years! I would like to thank all the efforts of our staff, children and their parents - a real team effort.

All the classes have been on school trips linked to aspects of their curriculum - Elm Class visited Occombe Farm, Ash Class visited Seaton Wetlands, Oak Class toured Kents Cavern Prehistoric Caves and Beech Class took the train to Exeter to visit The Royal Albert Memorial Museum. Our Year 5 and 6 children have recently spent a week on residential at Pixie's Holt, near Dartmeet.

Despite the dodgy weather, we were able to hold our Sports Day at the Cricket Club with parents present. The children's favourite activity was the team tug of war competition.

As we head towards the end of another school year, I would like to thank everyone who has worked with our children in any capacity. We always appreciate all the extras our volunteers do for us, To name a few - our garden is looking amazing, our reading volunteers who attend regularly and our Christmas quilting completed by the ladies in July!

In September, we were hoping to have a more 'normal' year, and although in more recent months we have managed many of our usual activities, it has been another challenging year. I would like to thank all my staff for their tireless hard work and flexibility throughout the year. Have a good summer and we will see you in September!

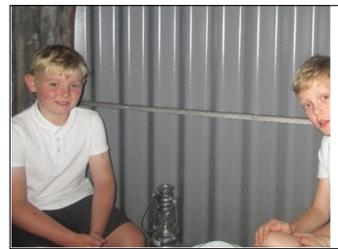
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## School Trips

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July, Beech Class visited Exeter Museum to learn more about aspects of World War II. While working in small groups, we carried out five different activities that were led by some very knowledgeable volunteers and based around local people's experiences of living through the war. We found out that food was rationed during the war and that many families grew vegetables so they had greater variety of ingredients to use when creating meals.

We also discovered that some people volunteered to join the Home Guard, Civil Defence or Women's Land Army and did this in addition to their day job. We also learned how (in theory) to remove an incendiary bomb from a room and spent time in an Anderson shelter, listening to sound recordings from the Blitz and tried to imagine what it might have been like to take cover during an air raid. It was great day and helped us all learn more about this period of our history.



Also, our KS2 children were lucky enough to go and watch the England Women's Cricket team play South Africa in Taunton. A great time was had by all.





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